





TRAFFIC SIGNAL PARAGRAPH WRITING

 **GO:** Write your topic sentence. Topic sentence = what the paragraph is going to be about.

 **SLOW DOWN:** Give a detail, reason, fact, or example that connects to what the paragraph is about. This can be more than 1 sentence.

 **STOP:** Explain your yellow sentence and/or provide an example from the text to support the detail, reason, or fact. This can be more than 1 sentence.

*****REPEAT --** You can repeat the yellow & red sentences as many times as needed. It is important, however, to always have them both!

 **GO BACK:** Remind your reader what the paragraph was about; a summary of the paragraph.

Let's highlight the text in the correct traffic signal color.

I used to fight with my brother a lot because we were always both very competitive. One day we argued over the remote control and I kicked him. That was man vs. man conflict.

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Your turn:

Highlight your summary from last week's reading log. See if you wrote it in traffic signal, or do you see areas in your writing that need to be improved?

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Your Turn:

Rewrite this week's reading log. Be sure that it follows the traffic signal writing format. This will be used in other classes from here on out, and your other teachers will be looking for it. Color-code your sentences so that it is easy to identify what type of sentence you think it is.